



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :)
Becker et al.) Examiner: Nguyen, Bao Thuy L.
Serial No. 09/890,665)
Art Unit: 1641
Filed : September 25, 2001)
For : Method of Detecting Analytes in a Sample and)
Support for this Purpose)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A petition for a one month extension of time extending the period for responding to December 6, 2003 is included herewith along with the requisite petition fee in the amount of \$55.00. This response is timely filed since December 6, 2003 was a Saturday.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 5 of this paper.

Attachments International Preliminary Examination Report and International Stage Claim Set.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 8, 2003.

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